

FORT MONTGOMERY

Address Restricted, Fort Montgomery

Sir Henry Clinton's brilliant attack on Forts Montgomery and Clinton on October 6, 1777, destroyed the twin Hudson River defenses on which colonial troops had been working since March 1776. Although Clinton's campaign ultimately failed in its primary objective—to relieve Burgoyne's army on the upper Hudson—it likely enabled him to obtain easier terms of surrender. Clinton dismantled both forts, but extensive and unaltered earthen ruins remain, along with brick foundations that have been excavated and stabilized.